

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph on page 17, lines 3-12 of the specification as follows:

Further details regarding conduits and conduit delivery systems are described in ~~co~~pending patent applications U.S. Patent Application No. 09/368,868, filed August 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,261,304, entitled DELIVERY METHODS FOR LEFT VENTRICULAR CONDUIT [Attorney Docket No. PERCAR.003CP1], U.S. Application No. 09/369,048, filed August 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,290,728, entitled DESIGNS FOR LEFT VENTRICULAR CONDUIT [Attorney Docket No. PERCAR.013A], U.S. Application No. 09/369,061, filed August 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,254,564, entitled LEFT VENTRICULAR CONDUIT WITH BLOOD VESSEL GRAFT [Attorney Docket No. PERCAR.005A], U.S. Application No. 09/368,393, filed August 4, 1999, now pending, entitled VALVE DESIGNS FOR LEFT VENTRICULAR CONDUIT [Attorney Docket No. PERCAR.006A], and U.S. Application No. 09/368,644, filed August 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,302,892, entitled BLOOD FLOW CONDUIT DELIVERY SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USE [Attorney Docket No. PERCAR.040A], filed on the same day as the present application, and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,429,144 and 5,662,124, the disclosures of which are all hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Please amend the paragraph on page 22, lines 13-18 of the specification as follows:

FIGURES 6E and 6F show another one way valve conduit embodiment 720 that comprises soft and hard portions 724 and 728, respectively. The soft portion 724 includes a flap portion 732 having a series of slits 736 therein which may be spaced equidistantly from each other as shown, or alternatively, the slits may be spaced unequally from each other. The resiliency of the conduit 720 is such that it is open during systole (FIGURE ~~[[6F]]~~ 6E) but closes partially during diastole (FIGURE 6F).